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Midwest Peacemaking Conference

A high-end conference was held at the Little River Resort Casino dealing with the topic of Peacemaking. Noted speakers from around the Midwest addressed the attendees on a combination of both tribal and non-tribal peacemaking techniques.

The conference was organized through the LRBOI Justice Office of Peacemaking and Probation.

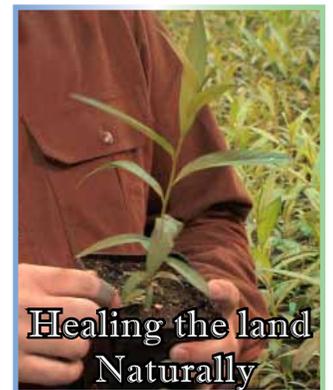


Peacemakers Pat Wilson and Wanda Joseph



Public Hearing

Tribal Council members held a Public Hearing into alleged violations of rights at the Spring 2012 Membership Meeting. Photos and directions to view the video are on pages 12&13.



The LRBOI Natural Resources Department began a remarkable adventure into cleaning up a brownfield site on tribal lands with the planting of thousands of willow saplings. See the article and photos on page 11.

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Tight Lines #3



The Third Tight Lines for Troops was held in Manistee with a sizable increase in the number of veterans participating. The LRBOI Warriors Society and the Little River Casino Resort were major players in producing the wonderful event honoring our beloved veterans

See Page 8!

Fundamentals of Starting a Business

Presented by Ross Miller – Tribal Business Consultant



Michigan Small Business & Technology, Development Center
Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 6 p.m.
at the Little River Commerce Dept
Conference Room

If you are interested in starting
A business or are already in
Business this session could help you



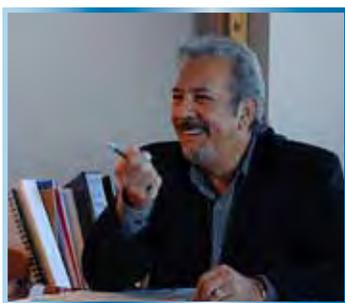
What will be covered:

- Business Self-Assessment
- Research Business Ideas
- Develop a Business Structure
- Financial Start Up Preparation



This workshop is open to all members of Federally Recognized Tribes, only.
Please Call Jeanie Gibson to Register 231.398.6866

Midwest Peacemaking Conference



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Peacemaking/Probation office (Judicial Branch), led by former Ogema Pat Wilson, organized a very important conference at our resort in early June. The Midwest Peacemaking Conference brought together over 50 people involved in Peacemaking, Restorative Justice and others involved in changing the way conflicts are viewed and addressed. As guest speaker Kay Pranis (Author and Restorative Justice Planner) said to the conference, "This is a paradigm shift in thinking!"

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As most of you know, there have been petitioners out in West Michigan try to get signatures for two separate commercial casino groups; neither group are Tribal; neither one support our efforts for a Muskegon casino. We know that many people are being approached and asked to sign with the belief that their signature will give support to OUR efforts for a casino, NOT TRUE.

If you, or someone you know signed the petition under incorrect belief, please report this to the Michigan Board of Canvassers (888)-767-6424. It is very important that they are notified.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is filing a formal complaint to the Board of Canvassers in the near future objecting to the misinformation being put out by petitioners for these commercial casinos.

On Saturday June 2nd, a Hearing was held by Tribal Council to address concerns of the Spring Membership Meeting possibly violating member's rights. The panel consisted of five Councilors; Janine Sam, acting Speaker, Lee Sprague, Candace Chapman, Virgil Johnson and Mike Ceplina. The hearing was attended by approximately 75 people.

A list of questions were presented just prior to the meeting but because the nature of the questions, they could not be answered immediately and 30 days were given to answer questions and submit comments. The Election Board, Director of Public Safety, Mike Martin, Director of Casino Security, Tom Guenthardt, and Israel Stone, Manager of Casino Security and myself were listed in the notice to be in attendance. The Election Board gave notice on May 7th that they would not be able to be in attendance and offered alternative dates.

This tribe continues to work at obtaining Self-Governance. The projected date is January 1st 2013. I am trying to find out as much as I can. I understand the potential benefits to become a self-governance tribe; about half of the 500+ tribes in the US have become self-governed. I want to understand what the negative effects could be as well. We will be putting information in the Currents as we go through this process in hopes of keeping members informed.

After the conference concluded, Deb Miller, Court Administrator said in an e-mail that, "The First Annual Midwest Peacemaking Conference concluded today. This was Pat Wilson's brainchild and he worked tirelessly on making it happen. The court and staff are terribly proud of his acumen and achievement. We manned the registration table Wednesday and Thursday and heard the comments from the participants as they exited each of the workshops. There was not one comment that didn't just glow with praise.

Judge Stan Webster, from the Oneida Tribe in Wisconsin, was so very impressed with the fact that our Tribal Council approved the expenditure for the conference out of our own budget and not funded through a grant. We heard comment after comment on how great the conference was and the diversity of presenters offered. One of the participants sent us an e-mail this afternoon that said: "It was a wonderful conference and soooooo enlightening. I learned much and feel my life has been enriched as a result of the teachings and open sharing from participants and presenters. Warm regards, Dina Levens"

We would like to thank the Purchasing Department for walking us through the process of requisitioning and check requests. They were great and so patient. We thank Tribal Council for the monetary boost, most of which will be returned to the coffers from registration fees and unspent budget. We thank the volunteers, veterans, the drummers, and the Casino for a wonderful place to hold the conference. "Most of all, we thank Pat for all of his hard work and for pulling together some of the greatest peacemaking minds in this part of the country."

Watch the next Currents for more information on the conference and a review of presenters including our very own Kenny Pheasant.



(Mack Brushman videotaped quite a few testimonials and portions of the conference that will be placed on the Court's website soon.)

REMEMBER:

**People should be judged by their deeds,
not by their relatives.**

Recorder's Report to the Membership – May/June 2012



UPDATED LEGISLATION- PUBLIC COMMENT

As reported in the last Recorder's Report, the changes to the Indian Preference in Employment Ordinance are up for public comment period. The public comment period expires June 15, 2012.

The **Fireworks- Public Sale, Displays and Storage Code** was also posted for public comment, and has been adopted to govern sales of Fireworks within the Band's jurisdiction. The public comment period expires June 18, 2012.

Members Assistance Regulations Amendments have also been posted. The Regulations are for current programs of Low Income Energy Assistance, Rental and Mortgage Assistance, Food Assistance and Elder Chore Service. The public comment period expires June 9, 2012.

SELF-GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW

The Tribal Council was provided an update on Self Governance on May 30. The Recorder had prepared a power point presentation, and updated the Council regarding the matters that were reviewed during the Self Governance Annual meeting in May. One point that became obvious is that there are many changes happening at the Federal level that have a direct impact on Indian Tribes, and Little River Band has not always been aware of those changes prior to their implementation. Discussion included how to best resolve that issue along with how to improve the process of sharing correspondence between the Ogema and Council in a timelier manner and notices received by the Tribe are distributed to all Tribal Officials. The Council learned that of 566 Indian Nations, 335 have attained Self Governance Status for IHS, and 253 are Self-Governance Status for BIA.

An example of changes at the Federal level that have a direct impact on the Tribes is the move toward Self-Governance compacting in other areas, such as Roads/Transportation funding. Little River Band recently entered into a "Government to Government" relationship with respect to its BIA Roads program funding. Another example is the potential changes to the Work Force Reinvestment Act – which Congress is potentially going to eliminate Tribes from the law. Much like the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) which had the Tribal portions of the law stripped from it in a recent version in the House of Representatives, other Federal laws are being advanced to remove references to Tribal Governments, Tribal Rights, and Tribal Funding opportunities through grant funds. Other movements on issues such as ICWA and protections associated with education have the potential for eroding Tribal Sovereignty, are also moving in various sub-committees and congressional efforts.

"What does this have to do with Self-Governance?" you may ask. Once Little River Band attains the Self Governance Status in BIA programs, it will be Self-Governance in both BIA and IHS. This means that the Tribe will have an individual Compact with both agencies of the Federal Government, and we will negotiate annual funding agreements, with levels of funding to be provided as a line item in the President's Budget. So as the Congress appears to be moving in the direction to eliminate funding from Tribes, and even in some cases to eliminate Tribal Rights, under our Compacts, LRBOI will retain program dollars for Healthcare, Education, Natural Resources, Law Enforcement, Family Services, Tribal Court, and other such core government functions. And in addition to the core government programs/functions, the Tribe will retain the right to enter into Compacts with other Non BIA agencies, such as Fish and Wildlife or the National Parks Service-which may actually expand the funding opportunities beyond what the Tribe has been operating in the past.

The Tribe is in the process of renegotiating its existing Compact with the Indian Health Service. Simultaneously, the Tribe will now also enter into negotiations for the Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. **Both Compacts must be completed, including the relevant Annual Funding Agreements, by October 1, 2012.**

A condition of the Compacting process that the Tribe identified early on was the official extension of the service delivery area to include the southern 5 counties. The Tribe has delivered services historically, but in the Compact with BIA, the Tribe is requesting official recognition of its expanded Service Delivery Area. In doing so, the Tribe is asserting our position that Muskegon County belongs within the Tribe's operational geography. During the meeting of June 6, 2012, the Ogema requested that the Recorder provide the same overview to key Executive Staff people that she provided to the Council on May 30. The Council may provide the same update by Video on the Tribe's Website, providing it can be worked out logistically. There may be public meetings called during the Month of August, to ensure that Membership has an opportunity to be informed, and understand the implications of Self Governance to the Tribe and its citizens. Please watch for updates.

COUNCIL ACCEPTS TAX DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Tax Officer, Barb Czarnecki, filed the FY 2011 Annual Tax Report with Tribal Council on May 16, 2012. Little River Band, through its Casino, Little River Trading Post, and small retail sales generated \$886,551.00 of Tax Revenue. From that number, according the Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan, the Tribe paid \$99,532.00 in Tax Sharing to the State of MI. The remaining net Tribal Tax Revenue of \$787,019.00 pays for the costs associated with the operation of the Tribal Tax Office, with the remaining tax dollars being funneled into Tribal Healthcare Programs. The types of taxes collected are: Retail Sales, Lodging & Occupancy, Food & Beverage, and Admissions.

COUNCIL TO MEET WITH MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

On June 11, 2012, the Tribal Council will meet with representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation, to review the State of Michigan's Transportation Improvement Plan. The communication received from the Tribal Affairs coordinator indicated: **"When the MIPT was written in 2006, MDOT staff visited those Tribal governments who desired to receive a visit to complete the government-to-government consultation. As an alternative, it is possible the consultations can be completed by teleconference. MDOT desires to complete this government-to-government consultation with your Tribal government in a way that best suits your schedule, and allows full participation by Tribal government officials and Tribal members who choose to be part of the consultation."** Again, you may note the phrase "Government to Government" consultation. As referenced above, even States are now implementing the government to government consultation process, including involving Tribal members that wish to be a part of that process. This consultation is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., in the Tribal Council Conference room. The Little River Band's own transportation plan may consider elements of the State's plan, as well, to ensure that roads within the Band's reservation and territories are adequately maintained. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Shepard in the Planning Department.

UPDATE ON LITIGATION BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND OGEMA

Tribal Citizens have seen the Council agenda in closed session referencing claims in Tribal Court between the Council and Ogema. Recently, the Tribal Court issued an order in one of the matters: Complaint for Declaratory Relief in Tribal Court #11-063-GC. The Order has declared the Executive Order of the Ogema that transferred the Be-Da-Bin program to be void. As a part of that process, the Court allowed the Council and Ogema to meet in a facilitative session, in an effort to resolve the matters between the Branches. At the end of the session, both parties requested that the Court issue a ruling, to provide the foundation for moving forward. The Court ruling declared the Order invalid as it was in violation of Tribal Council resolutions. Members may obtain a copy of this ruling by contacting the Tribal Court, and asking for the Order dated 5-30-12, in case #11-063-GC.

An important outcome of this specific Court process was that the Ogema and Tribal Council agreed to hold weekly meetings again, in effort to work together. Those meetings are now on the Council's calendar on Tuesday Mornings, starting at 8:30 a.m.

There is only one other Court case pending involving the Ogema and Council, Case #11-180-GC. This case originated when the Ogema took the Council to court over the contracted employment of the former General Counsel, Dan Green. This case also appears to be nearing a completion, as motions are slated to be decided by the Visiting Judge in the near future.

OGEMA AND COUNCIL RESUME WEEKLY MEETINGS

The Ogema and Tribal Council, following a facilitative process in resolution of one of the outstanding Court issues, engaged in its first joint meeting. The Ogema and Tribal Council discussed matters like posting critical vacancies in the Tribal Organization such as the Human Resources Director position and the Health Director's position. The Ogema informed the Council that he is also engaging in weekly "Cabinet" meetings, during which key Management staff and the Ogema discuss Tribal priorities. Another key update was the change in how correspondence received by the Tribe will be circulated among the Ogema and Councilors, to ensure that the Little River Band is reacting to requests in a timely manner.

PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 2, 2012-30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD

The Tribal Council concluded its Public Hearing regarding the Membership meeting of April 2012 on June 2, 2012. The Council is leaving the comment period open regarding this matter until July 2, 2012. Members may view the hearing at: <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/government/tribal-council> but you will need a login and password to do so. Members may submit comment via email to comments@lrboi-nsn.gov or in writing by mail to Tribal Council 375 River Street Manistee, MI 49660. There were 75 people in attendance, with 15 persons providing public comment. The Tribal Council extends its appreciation to the citizens that attended, and to those who offered comments. A final update will be provided at the conclusion of the public comment period.

LITTLE RIVER BAND NOTIFIED OF REDUCTION BY INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

The Tribal Council was informed that the Band had received an adjustment from

Indian Health Service that resulted in a reduction of \$75,695.00, in its contract health dollars. The reduction was as a result of the Band's failure to respond to notification from Indian Health Service regarding contract support costs. It was noted that the Tribe is exercising its right to dispute the findings, and is in process of negotiating the dispute. Even though there was a reduction in Grant funds, as a result of the Tribe's Self Governance status, Little River Band has realized increases in the contract support costs, that offset a portion of the \$75,695.00. The actual net impact to the Band is an overall reduction of \$27,237.00, substantially reducing the potential loss of funds. As a result of negotiating the dispute, the reduction may be reduced even further, but the Recorder did not have the information available at publication.

LEGISLATIVE RECESS

The Tribal Council will be observing its second legislative recess during the first week in July. Please be aware that the Tribal Council Office will remain open, and administrative staff will be available.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine M. Sam - Recorder

Work Session Attendance		LRBOI Tribal Council - May 2012									
Date	Work Session Title	Steve Parsons	Janine Sam	Kimberly Alexander	Candace Chapman	Virgil Johnson	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruiter	Lee Sprague	Michael Ceplina	Total Attending
5/1/12	Government Structure Ordinance	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
5/1/12	Litigation Oversight Reform Act of 2005	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
5/1/12	Indian Preference Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
5/1/12	Budget and Appropriations Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
5/4/12	Little River Casino Resort Financial Review - March 2012	x				x	x	x			4
5/7/12	Tax Department 2011 Annual Report	x	*			x	x	x	x	x	6
5/7/12	Agenda Review	x	*			x	x	x	x	x	6
5/10/12	Muskegon Update	x	*			x	x			x	4
5/14/12	Government Financial Review		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	7
5/14/12	Health Care Plan		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	7
5/14/12	Agenda Review		x			x	x	x	x	x	6
5/14/12	Projector Training		x			x	x				3
5/15/12	Government Structure Ordinance	x				x	x	x	x	x	6
5/15/12	Fireworks Ordinance	x				x	x	x	x	x	6
5/21/12	Bank Owned Foreclosure	x	x	x	x	x	x				6
5/21/12	Residential Project	x		x	x	x	x				5
5/21/12	Agenda Review		x		x	x	x				4
5/21/12	Laptops		x		x	x	x			x	5
5/22/12	Government Structure Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
5/22/12	Litigation Oversight Reform Act of 2005	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	7
5/22/12	Indian Preference Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
5/22/12	Budget and Appropriations Ordinance	x	x		x	x	x	x			6
5/24/12	Muskegon Update	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	7
5/29/12	Articles of Incorporation	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
5/29/12	Little River Casino Resort Financial Review - April 2012	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	7
5/29/12	Government Structure Ordinance	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
5/30/12	Self Governance Update	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	7
5/31/12	Muskegon Update	x			x	x	x			x	5
Total	Total Work Sessions for May 2012: 28	22	19	10	17	28	27	21	13	21	

* Tending to a business related matter and/or travel



2012 saw the 3rd annual *Tight Lines for Troops* event in Manistee. The event took place over the weekend of May 18th and 19th. Following the successful event, the resort released this statement:

“We work on this all year - Little River is the presenting sponsor of this event that was the brainchild of one of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians three years ago. It’s an awesome event and we are all so proud and honored to have had the opportunity to do this to say thanks to all our military veterans. Please share our website www.tightlinesfortroops.com and like our Facebook page.....please.”

The concept for the charity fishing tournament began with Manistee County charter Captain Bob Guenthardt. Bob is a former Ogema of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and a proud Army veteran. His idea and desire to show our appreciation to members of the military for their dedication and sacrifice provided the foundation for this unique event. In the fall of 2009, Captain Bob, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little River Casino Resort created a “Host Committee”, which later reached out to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Michigan Chapter and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan to ask if they could help make it happen. Their response was a resounding “YES”! With their expertise in running these types of events for Veterans, the Host Committee and their group of volunteers all felt confident they could provide a successful and memorable event.

The 2010 “Tight Lines for Troops” Host Committee was proud of their highly successful inaugural event. The event was so successful the decision was immediately made to make it an annual event. Thus the “Tight Lines for Troops” for 2011 proceeded full speed ahead with 40 Charter Captains and first mates, local Veterans groups – American Legion and VFW, United Veterans Council, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warrior Society, our local National Guard and U.S. Coast Guard, Rolling Thunder, Patriot Guard, Manistee County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Manistee Chamber of Commerce, and a host of volunteers from across the state participated in the 2011 Event.



Picture by Kim Alexander



LRBOI Natural Resource Director Jimmie Mitchell and Warriors Society Commander Bill Memberto at Tight Lines for Troops 2012

The “3rd Annual Tight Lines for Troops” in 2012 featured a Gold Star family who lost a Service Member in Afghanistan/Iraq. There was also a POW boat for members of Michigan’s “Prisoners of War” chapter, which is the largest such organization in the nation.

In addition to the charter boat fishing opportunities, the “Pier, Shore and River Division” has expanded to include opportunities for Veterans to fish from the pier or go wading and canoeing on the beautiful river. All the awards and gifts provided are available to both divisions.

The Boaters Division participants left Seng’s Marina, 47 Lake Street, which also hosted the weigh in, banquet and awards ceremony. Manistee County is world renowned for its outstanding fishery and more recently for its dedication to universal access including their beautiful beaches on both sides of the piers, and several recently completed universally accessible fishing piers along the river. Donation proceeds benefit:

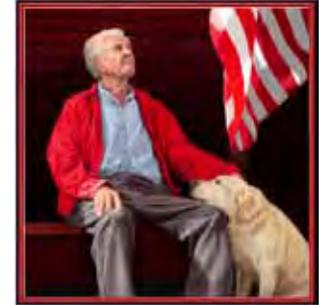
The Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) serves to provide persons with a brain injury and their families, healthcare professionals, and the general public with the resources necessary to enhance brain injury awareness, education, prevention, and support. www.biami.org.

Paralyzed Veterans of America is the only chartered veterans service organization dedicated solely to the benefit and representation of veterans with spinal cord injury or disease. There are 34 chapters across the country representing nearly 20,000 veterans. www.michiganpva.org.

Manistee County Veterans Endowment Fund In honor of his father, who served in the Dutch Army during World War II, and in appreciation of American and Allied soldiers who liberated the Netherlands when he was a boy, Ted Arens and his wife Pam established the Manistee County Veterans Endowment Fund. The Fund supports the unmet needs of veterans and their families who reside in Manistee County, including Canadian and Allied soldiers with wartime service. It is administered through the Manistee County Foundation. www.manisteefoundation.org.

Submitted by the LRBOI Warriors Society

It is the VETERAN



It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN who salutes the Flag.



It is the VETERAN who serves under the Flag,



ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

**19th Annual Anishinaabe Family Language
and Culture Camp 2012
Manistee Mi.
Presenters Call**

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Although the time may seem early, we are looking for presenters for this year's camp; this will allow for plenty of time for everyone. This year's camp will be held on July 27, 28 and 29, 2012. If you are interested in being a presenter, I will need a presentation outline and a biography.

We will need two different presentation outlines and some presenters will be asked to present for up to three different times. Each presentation should be approximately 1 ½ hours long, but if you have a presentation that requires a longer amount of time, please let us know ahead of time in order to accommodate your workshop. Please also let us know if your presentation is meant to target a particular age group or other demographic. We also need to know if your workshop is total Anishinaabemowin immersion and if you will have a translator or if you will be presenting in the English language with some Anishinaabemowin. Please note that if you have handouts for your presentation, you are responsible for making sure you have enough copies because there are no copiers on site.

Just as a note, most of our guests do not speak Anishinaabemowin and some understand it, but do not speak it yet. For some of our guests, this is the only time that they get to hear Anishinaabemowin being used. It would be appreciated for all of the presenters to remain visible throughout the camp and to be available to speak in Anishinaabemowin. We have had successful Camps because of the good presenters that have participated. We attend one another's presentations and socialize with the guests; we support one another and love our language.

Along with your presentation outline and biography, we will also need to know if you require lodging. Please send all of your information via email as soon as possible and do not wait until the last minute otherwise you may not make it on the presenter list. It would be appreciated if your presentation outline and biography could be sent as separately attached documents in the email. It's just easier for us when process our program book.

If you know anyone who may be interested in presenting at the Camp, by all means, please forward this letter to them and have them state in their email who recommended them to present. The deadline for all of this information is May 25 2012

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The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians invites you to the
19th Annual

Anishinaabe Family Language / Culture Camp

**Celebrating the unity of our language and culture
Bring your nation flag and gift for the giveaway**

Breakfast on your own
Lunch & Dinner provided

No registration fee

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Manistee Mi.**

**Wenesh pii
July 27, 28, 29 2012**

Friday July 27
Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise ceremony)
(Sunrise ceremony)
8:30 Opening Ceremony
9:15-12:00 Presentations/workshops
12:00 Lunch
1:15-5:00 Presentations/workshops
workshops
5:00 Dinner
7:00 Talent night

Saturday July 28
Waabini Manidookewin
9:15-12:00 Presentations workshops
12:00 Lunch
1:15-5:00 Presentations/
workshops
5:00 Dinner
7:00 Jiingtamok(Po wow)

Sunday July 29
Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise ceremony)
9:15-12:00 Presentations/workshops
12:00 Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

Some presentations are: Cultural teachings, language learning, pipe teachings, natural medicines, drum making, cradle board making, residential school experience, basket making, hide tanning crafts and games. These presentations and workshops are for all ages. We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp. These presentations will be in both English and Anishinaabemowin. First come, first serve for the camping area. This great event will take place at the corner of M22 and US 31 across from the Casino, 2596 Loon Drive, Manistee Mi. 49660, same place as previous years. There are showers on site. Bring your Nation flag and we will display it to show the unity of our language and culture. We encourage every family to bring a gift for the giveaway.

**Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe
Nation And the Little River Casino Resort**

For more information please call
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Check out our language camp page on our website at www.anishinaabemdaa.com



Sponsored by The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Peacemaking/Probation Department, funded with a Department of Justice TYP grant.

FREE 4 day nature intervention camp for Native youth and descendants. Wilderness survival taught from a native cultural perspective. Geared toward "at-risk" youth (use your own judgment) to help them connect to nature and Native culture.

Examples of programs: Plant identification, tracking, fire-building, survival shelters, nighttime sky, owl calling, birch and cedar baskets, making medicinal salve, camp cooking, drumming, talking circles, many cultural related topics and discussions. Participants sleep in their own one-person wigwam. Meals are provided and prepared by participants in a traditional styled long house (seen above). All camping equipment is provided. Participants must bring own personal items. No electronic devices allowed.

All adult leaders are trained and background checked according to federal law. Eligibility: Youth 11-17. Male or Female. (No violent offenders or sex offenders.) No requirement for blood quantum. All tribes welcome, primarily for tribal members, tribal descendants, or youth from a tribal household. Native culture taught from a three fires Ottawa perspective. Participants must be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on the first day of camp and picked up at 12 noon sharp on the fourth day of camp.



2012 SCHEDULE:

SESSION ONE: June 14-17.

SESSION TWO: June 28, 29, 30 and July 1.

SESSION THREE: July 19-22.

SESSION FOUR: August 30-31 Sept. 1-2.



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Elder Committee Meeting



July 7th, 2012

Brunch @ 10 a.m.

**Skillet Breakfast &
English Muffin, Fruit & Yogurt Bar
Strawberry Pie**

**Please join the Elders Committee for
Story Telling and Picture Sharing**

Contract Health and Extended Health Services (CHS & EHAP)

ATTENTION all EHAP and CHS members!

If you have any claims that you need or are waiting to submit for reimbursement and the date of service was in 2011, PLEASE send those in as soon as possible. Lately there seems to be members holding onto claims/receipts for reimbursement that are 2, 3, and 4 years old. In order to be compliant with the auditing agencies and the Tribe's internal auditors, members cannot be reimbursed for such old claims. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the CHS/EHAP Department.

When the office is receiving the application packets from members for CHS or EHAP, it seems that there are many members NOT reading the hand book. PLEASE read the hand book, call the office if you have questions, THEN sign the form stating you read and understand the hand book. When the form comes back signed, the CHS/EHAP office assumes that the members are understanding the way the program operates. Please call the office with any questions so there will be no misunderstanding when using the programs.

If you should receive a denial from CHS or EHAP, PLEASE respond in writing. It does not have to be a formal letter, just something stating why you are appealing it and what additional information you may have to help your case, (phone log, confirmation number, purchase order number, etc.).

Remember that a denial WILL be issued if you had to reschedule an appointment and did not notify CHS/EHAP at least 48 hours in advance. A denial WILL be issued for all procedures that were not pre-authorized with physician documentation. A denial WILL be issued for all emergency room visits if the ER did not submit any physician notes with the claim. This does not mean it will be approved after the notes are received, just that the physician's documentation is needed in order to assign priority to it.

Reminder about Emergency Room/Urgent Care Clinics/Same day appointments: CHS/EHAP requires the physician notes/documentation regarding the need for the immediate care. **Emergent care can only be paid on a Priority I basis, which is threat of life lost and loss of limb.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the CHS/EHAP office. The toll free number is 1-888-382-8299 or locally you can call 231-723-8299.

The Path to Owning Your Own Business

By Ross Miller, Tribal Business Consultant,
Lower Peninsula, MI-SBTDC

If you have ever wanted to start your own business but didn't know where to start, you could start by looking in your back yard. What are your hobbies? What skills do people currently ask you to help them with? More importantly, what do you have a passion for? Sometimes we think of starting a business as a large company with many employees and massive amounts of debt. While this could be true for some types of business, it doesn't have to be true for service based businesses. A service based business does not sell a "product" you feel, touch or hold. The service industry consists of the labor or skill you provide for your customer.

Examples of service based business are:

- Home child care
- Cleaning services
- Builders/Construction
- Tree services

Some advantages of starting service based businesses are:

- Lower start-up costs (in most cases)
- Often don't require specialized education
- Little or no inventory
- Typically have lower overhead costs
- Often can be started and run in your home
- Require few employees initially

A service based business typically revolves around one of three types of tasks. One is a task your customer does not know how to do.

An example of this could be replacing a motor in a broken dryer. Another example is a task your customer is unable to do, such as an elder shoveling their driveway or removing a tree in their yard. And finally we have a task the customer does not want to do or does not have time to do; this could be mowing the lawn at their vacation property or doing minor repairs to their home.

It takes sound business practices and hard work to thrive in the service industry. However, it is often one of the easiest types of business to start and operate. A service based business under the right circumstances can make money for the owner much quicker than many other retail or manufacturing businesses. If you have a skill, talent, or passion for a service and have ever wondered about turning those into a business, contact the Tribal Business Consultant for a one-on-one meeting to assist you in taking the first step towards owning a business.

Please contact Ross Miller at (989) 330-0395 or millerro@gvsu.edu

Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Little River Commerce Dept Conference Room
If you are interested in starting a business or are already in business this session could help you.

What will be covered:

- Business Self-Assessment
- Research Business Ideas
- Develop a Business Structure
- Financial Start Up Preparation

This workshop is open to all members of Federally Recognized Tribes, only.

Please Call Jeanie Gibson to Register 231.398.6866

Tribal Economic Forum focuses on economic diversification



Mike Finney_President & CEO, MEDC_Opening Remarks

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) hosted its third annual tribal-state economic forum in Lansing on May 17 and 18. The event was attended by about 85 people, including representatives from nine of Michigan's 12 Indian tribes, as well as participants from other tribes from across the United States.

"We are excited to be working with Michigan's Indian tribes to grow more and better jobs and retain our youth and talent in Michigan," said Terri Fitzpatrick, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa and vice president of tribal business development for the MEDC. "The MEDC works with each tribe on an individual basis, respectful of unique interests and proprietary information."

Attendees were exposed to a variety of business development topics ranging from business, finance and government contracting to agribusiness, aquaculture and alternative energy. Three of Michigan's tribes – the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, and the Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community – shared inspirational project stories with the gathering.

Lisa McComb, executive director of Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc., a native certified community development financial institution, discussed the various entrepreneurial funding and services provided by NSLF, Inc. to the local community. The Northern Shores Loan Fund was formed by the Little Traverse Bay Bands to promote economic and community development.

Dennis Worden, legislative director for the Native American Contractors Association in Washington, D.C., and a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Idaho, encouraged tribes to use their distinct tribal advantages to pursue federal contracting opportunities.

"The federal government is the largest purchaser of goods and services in the world," Worden said.



Kip Richie_Forest County Potawatomi

Kip Richie, Forest County Potawatomi of Wisconsin and chief operation officer for the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, served as the keynote speaker and provided an overview of how his tribe initiated its non-gaming business diversification efforts.

"It did not happen overnight and not everything was a win," Richie said. "But we successfully moved from passive investments to purchasing existing companies and pursuing federal contracting."

"A job on the res is a job in the region," said Eric Trevan, a member of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi, Gun Lake Tribe, and president and chief executive officer of Anishnabe Development. "I encourage tribal officials to plan for sustainable cooperative economies."

Frank Ettawageshik, Little Traverse Bay Band Odawa, who serves as the Executive Director of the United Tribes of Michigan, said the event and advancement of state-tribal business development collaboration had come a long way.

"We used to sit and talk about what we could do, what we should do. Today we're here talking about what we are doing, and what we have done," Ettawageshik said.

Websites

Tribal forum information can be found on the MEDC's website at www.michiganadvantage.org/tribal

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a public-private partnership serving as the state's marketing arm and lead agency for business, talent and jobs, focuses on helping grow Michigan's economy. For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, visit: MichiganAdvantage.org

Tribe Sets Child Protection Safety Zones
Resolution # 12-0502-117

Approval of Action to Protect the Public Health, Safety and Welfare of the Community through the Creation of Protection Safety Zones for Tribal Events

The Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians took action last month at a Council meeting to protect our tribal families from the threat of sexual abuse even as they waited for outside authorities to approve the tribes' plan. In the resolution shown above, the Council went ahead to address the question of the presence of Sexual Predators at our events.

Here is wording directly from the Resolution:

“WHEREAS, during the interim period, the Tribal Council recognizes that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has a compelling interest in protecting children from the threat of sexual abuse, and finds that the public health, safety and welfare of the community, particularly children, will be best served by establishing Protection Safety Zones, prohibiting individuals required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction from attending Tribal events where Tribal children under the age of eighteen (18) are present.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT, this resolution is enacted to protect the Tribe's children, elders and other vulnerable people from potential harms and finds that Tribal children, children visiting on Tribal land, elders and other vulnerable people should not be exposed to individuals who have been convicted of a crime involving criminal sexual conduct, and who are, because of their conviction(s), required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the public health, safety and welfare of the community, particularly children, is best served by prohibiting individuals who are required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction from attending Tribal events where Tribal children under the age of eighteen (18) are present including but not limited to the following:

1. Language Camp; Christmas Party; Easter Egg Hunt; Jiingtamok; Employee Picnic; Talking Circles; Children's Camp; any and other cultural events sponsored by the Tribe or a Tribal Department, entity or agency; and
2. any event held at the Tribe's Gathering Grounds where children may be present.

IT IS ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED THAT, individuals required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction shall maintain a minimum of 100 feet distance (safety zone) from any Tribal event or activity on Tribal property where children under the age of eighteen (18) are or are presumed to be.

IT IS RESOLVED THAT nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as limiting the Ogema's Constitutional authority to ban individuals for any other reason nor shall it be construed as prohibiting registered sex offenders from attending meetings or appointments at any Governmental office building where services are provided, including but not limited to Tribal Court/Public Safety Building; Family Services Department; Health Services Department; Membership Services Department; and Enrollment Services Department..

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the provisions of the Resolution shall be effective immediately and any person who violates any provision contained herein may be prosecuted as a Trespasser in accordance with Section 10.02 of the Criminal Offenses Code, Ordinance # 11-400-03 or other violation of the Tribal Law or any other applicable law, including any criminal penalties as provided by law. Tribal police or other law enforcement officers are authorized to remove any person who is present in violation of this Resolution.”

Public Safety Director Mike Martin told the *Currents* that this 'Protection Safety Zone' means that convicted Sexual Predators are not allowed within 100 feet of any of the events or activities on Tribal property where children are or may be present.”

LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

Target your next job with Little River Band Tribal Government. The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line, in tribal newsletters, and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.



www.lrboi-nsn.gov



Global E-mail



Rapid River News Weekly



Michigan Works Offices or Website



Tribal Government Buildings



By calling the HR Department

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 120 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills.

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

**Indian Preference applies to the
hiring of all vacant positions**

LRBOI Human Resources
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660

Fax: (231) 398-9101
E-mail: agiltz@lrboi.com
Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

Assistance Programs

ATTENTION TRIBAL ELDERS – LIHEAP –

Cooling Assistance LIHEAP Component- Tribal Elders

This is a grant funded component of LIHEAP to provide assistance to Tribal Elders who meet the eligibility requirements, have a medical condition that require air conditioning during hot summer months, are experiencing an energy crisis due to additional energy burden to operate the cooling system and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)



- Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.
- Medical condition and need for air conditioning must be certified and documented by medical professional.
- Program provides assistance with utility bill due to increase in energy usage when running air conditioning and fans.
- Program does not assist with the purchase of air conditioner unit, repair of unit or maintenance of unit.
- Elder household is automatically eligible to receive assistance if elder has a medical condition requiring air conditioning and;
 - a. Household is receiving bridge card food assistance
 - b. Household member is receiving SSI.

- Assistance is available May 1, 2012 thru September 30, 2012

Elder Meal Menu

AKI Maadiziwin Community Center July 2012

Tip of the Month

With a few slight changes to your diet you will improve your physical as well as your mental health. When you physically feel better you will likely socialize more , sleep better and perhaps take a walk.

General Information

Meals served at Noon
There is a cost for Guest Meals
Questions? Noelle Cross
Phone: 231-398-6886
E-mail: ncross@lrboi.com
Volunteers are needed to help with meals,
if interested please contact Noelle.

Some ideas

No salt !
Try Mrs Dash I do have small sample pack-
ets feel free to ask me for one.
Look for items that say Baked not fried
Drink more water !
No Real butter not margarine!
Snack on healthy things , carrots, celery,
nuts or plain popcorn

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Baked Ham Sweet Potato Snow peas Cobbler	3 Roasted Chicken Parsley Rice Beans and Peppers Oatmeal applesauce	4 	5 Pot Roast Scalloped Potato Basil Zucchini Birthday Cake	6	7 Elder Committee Meal Brunch served at 10:00 am
8	9 Meatballs w/marinara Spaghetti Peas Sherbet	10 Barbecued Brisket Baked Potato Baked Beans Cucumber Salad	11 Smothered Pork Chop Mashed Potato Peas and Sweet Pepper Tapioca	12 Fish French Fries Cole Slaw Key Lime pie	13	14
15	16 Turkey Sandwich Macaroni Salad Tropical fruit	17 Chicken Marcella Pasta La Scala Parmesan green beans Toffee bar	18 Salisbury Steak Roasted Potatoes Beans Fruit melody	19 Grilled Chicken breast Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Berries and Banana	20 Muskegon Meal Please RSVP with Noelle 231-398-6886	21
22	23 Hamburger Baked Beans Corn O'Brian Pears	24 BBQ Ribs Corn on the cob Potato Salad Apple Pie	25 Beef Ravioli California Vegetables Tomato and Cucumber Peach Cobbler	26 Fried Chicken Garlic Mashed Potato Green Beans Rainbow Cake	27	28
29	30 Cheesy Tuna Twist Steamed Carrots Oatmeal Cookie	31 Meatloaf Mashed Potato Spinach Toscana Pudding				

Monday, May 14th 2012 was a day, special in many ways and one that marked the beginning of an interesting collaboration that combines the generosity of a gift and the age-old Anishinaabek tradition of embracing the responsibility to preserve, protect and revitalize Mother Earth.



Frank Ettawageshik

The ceremony quietly began with a Sacred-Pipe being offered by Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Director of the United Tribes of Michigan (and former Chair of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.) Tribal Chairman, Larry Romanelli then gracefully provided the welcome to all in attendance and Natural Resource Director Jimmie Mitchell gave an overview of the project complete with the expectations he fully anticipates will take effect upon the Tribe's lands as well as the adjacent waters in the coming years to follow.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, (LRBOI) a federally recognized Tribe based in Manistee, Michigan had announced earlier in the month that Archangel Ancient Tree Archive (ARC) had offered to provide the Tribe with an unprecedented gift of 1000's of national champion willow saplings. Mitchell took receipt of the saplings at the direction from Tribal Leadership to utilize the gift to help cleanse an extremely polluted Brownfield site near the Tribe's Natural Resources Department that also precariously sits adjacent to Manistee Lake, a tributary to Lake Michigan.

Gathered in attendance of the event, were US Forest Service District Ranger, Jim Thompson; District Conservationist, Scott Hughey and Administrator Richard Jenkins from Natural Resources Conservation Service; Tribal Councilperson, Mike Ceplina, Tribal Natural Resource Chairman, Herman Gamelin along with several of the Tribe's Citizens



Director of Operations, Meryl Marsh and Executive Director, Leslie Lee from ARC were present, with Lee receiving an honorary Pendleton Blanket that Romanelli and Mitchell bestowed upon ARC as a sign of the Tribe's respect and thanks for the gifted trees and technical support.



Throughout the day, the difficult process of planting the willow saplings on the 1.5 acre site during 80 degree temperatures was conducted by volunteers consisting of a team of specialists from ARC, who were drilling holes into the impacted spoil with hand-held augers. Several Tribal Citizens were also assisting by personally carrying, preparing and planting the saplings to complete the process.



Mitchell added, "...what makes this gift so unique and vitally important to our Nation, these saplings, once planted, mark the beginning of a long-term phytoremediation project upon one of the Tribe's most severely contaminated parcels known as the Eastlake Brownfield Site. This is but one of several contaminated properties that the Tribe currently owns within our Reservation boundary. The existing levels of contamination not only prohibit safe use for humans, but also create a serious detriment to the surrounding environment."

Ettawageshik also shared his insight with the *Currents* and expressed how Tribal projects such as this, are an expression of self-determination that effectively demonstrates to the world, our ongoing commitment



as managing Nations through our stewardship to the lands, waters and the future generations to come.

Ettawageshik has been actively involved in water protection issues on behalf of the tribes throughout his career and has devoted an insurmountable level of dedication in bringing awareness to water related issues.

The collaboration of ARC and LRBOI's approach to phytoremediation will be conducted upon a 1.5 acre site where the 3500 Willow saplings have been planted. According to the management plan, the project will focus several factors that include controlled growth of the trees through coppicing and a rigorous soil analysis to assess and chart the depletion of the pollutants over the subsequent years to follow.

An additional strategy outlined in the management plan is aimed to develop partnerships and collaboration with this project alongside other environmental resource agencies, municipalities and organizations.

Mitchell further theorized "In our own farming practices, the Anishinaabek learned a long time ago what happens during planting, if you don't offer anything back in return for your crops, over time, you will eventually deplete the soil of everything and it will become inert.

By utilizing this same concept and concentrating these trees in a way to force the soil to become inert, several feet below the surface, imagine how much differently the future of remediation on contaminated lands might be accomplished?"



Public Hearing on Membership Meeting

The following letter was submitted to the Tribal Council and all other parties requested by Tribal Council to attend the public hearing on June 2, 2012.

The Election Board is now making this available to the citizens of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Although alternate dates were provided for the Election Board to meet, the Tribal Council decided to keep the original date stated in Resolution #12-0502-112.

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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
ELECTION BOARD
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
(231) 723-8288**

To: Steve Parsons, Tribal Council Speaker
CC: All Tribal Council Members, Ogema Romanelli, Mary Thomas, Mike Martin, Tom Guenthardt, Isreal Stone
From: Little River Election Board
Date: 5-4-12
RE: Hearing on June 2, 2012

Mr. Parsons,
At the meeting of the Tribal Council held on May 2, 2012, a resolution was passed scheduling a public hearing set for June 2, 2012 to discuss procedures that were used at the 2012 Spring Membership Meeting. While the Election Board would like to address any concerns tribal citizens have about the procedures, the Board is unable to attend this function in an official capacity as several of the Board members have prior obligations on this date.

The Board would like to offer these dates as alternative times when the majority of the Election Board may be present to address the concerns of tribal citizens:

- Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 10 am
- Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 6 pm
- Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 6 pm
- Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 10 am
- Saturday, July 7, 2012 at 1:30 pm

The questions and comments of tribal citizens are very important to the process of creating and refining the Election Regulations. With this in mind, we ask the date of this public hearing be changed. If none of the above dates can be used, please contact the Board so a date may be mutually agreed upon by all parties concerned. We hope if this need arises in the future, the Tribal Council will contact the Election Board so any public forums may be set up in cooperation and no scheduling conflicts occur.

If there are any questions you have concerning this request, please contact the Election Board Chairperson, Alesia Condon, by phone at 616-402-8753 or by e-mail at alesialynne@aol.com. Please inform the Board of your decision concerning the date of the public hearing.

Thank you,

Little River Election Board

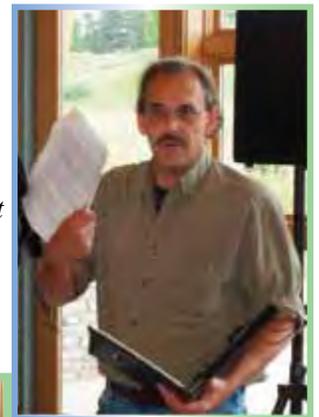
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Tammy Bowen Carol Gibner
Tracy Frees

Tribal Council held a public hearing regarding the 2012 Spring Membership Meeting on June 2nd at Aki Maadiziwin.

To view the video of the meeting, please go to the Tribal Council portion of the members-only website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov



Tribal Council at Hearing. Tribal Council members L-R, Mike Cepolina, Virg Johnson, Candace Chapman, Lee Sprague and Janine M. Sam



Gary DiPiazza delivers passionate comment to Tribal Council



Former Councilman Israel Stone



Former Councilman Robert Whiteloon



L-R Larry Romanelli, Mike Martin, Tom Guenthardt, and Israel Stone



Darleen Martin



Dave Shultz



Jessica Burger



Bernadene Crampton



Karol Patton



Allen Metzger



Ron Pete



Judy Nedeaux



Mack Brushman



Peggy Vriesman

Frequently Asked Questions: FAQ's

What is Tribal Sovereignty?

Tribal sovereignty is the inherent authority to govern and protect the health, safety and welfare of Tribal citizens within Tribal lands and territories. American Indians and Alaska Natives are citizens of sovereign Tribal nations that have a unique legal and political relationship with the federal government, through legally binding Treaties.

Congress and the federal courts have placed increasingly complex limitations on the exercise of Tribal sovereignty. However, Tribal sovereignty is inherent in the status of Indian Tribes, and the law acknowledges that Tribes have sovereign authority unless a federal statute has specifically removed that authority or a federal court has determined that the Tribe's exercise of that authority is inconsistent within the federal framework.

Does Tribal Self-Governance Terminate the Federal Trust Responsibility?

No. It has never been the intent of the Tribal Self-Governance initiative to terminate or reduce the federal trust responsibility to Indian Tribes and to Indian people. The law clearly states: "The Secretary is prohibited from waiving, modifying, or diminishing in any way the trust responsibility of the United States with respect to Indian Tribes and individual Indians that exists under treaties, Executive Orders, other laws, or court decisions."

Shifting Control to the Tribe

Federal Control



Tribal Control

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- Advance Lump Sum Payments
- Recurring Base Budgets

Flexibility

- Ability to redesign programs
- Ability to merge and assign program funds
- Ability to adopt revised regulations



Changes Focus of Program Design/Deliver

- Community-Driven
- Needs-Driven
- Priority-Driven

Changes Mentality of Tribal Government

- Outcomes versus jobs
- Long-term planning
- Collaboration between tribal departments
- Collaboration between tribe and other governmental entities

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is in the final stages of negotiating a self-governance compact under Title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) with the Department of Interior (DOI), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Attaining Self-Governance status requires a three step process: 1) three years of 'clean' audits of financial records, which demonstrates sound fiscal management, 2) engaging in a planning phase to operate programs made available to Tribes under self-governance legislative authority, and 3) submitting an official request to participate in self-governance to the appropriate federal agency, in this case, BIA. Program management is largely determined by federally driven standards. To date, to attain self-governance status with the BIA, the Tribe has completed the three criteria; 3 years of clean audits, completed a planning document and submitted a request to participate in self-governance in November 2011, receiving notice in March 2012 that LRBOI is in the official pool of self-governance applicants. We now are onto the negotiation of the Compact and Annual Funding Agreement terms and conditions to strengthen our government-to-government relationship and control our own program outcomes. Currently, the Tribe operates direct services under a Title I ISDEAA contract; we implement programs largely under federal program requirements via contract authority to 'assume' those programs, operating them on the federal government's behalf.

The first meeting to begin those negotiations occurs June 25, 2012—a pre-negotiation meeting to exchange activity and financial data.

We invite your questions and comments regarding self-governance and what achieving this status under the BIA will mean for LRBOI. Please utilize the e-mail comment line at currentscomments@lrboi.com. Comments will be routed to the point of contact for self-governance at LRBOI, Jessica Burger, Tribal Manager and other staffs as appropriate. Tribal Citizens have a critical role in self-governance; it is the input of the citizens that will determine program priorities and future directions under self-governance and we need to hear from you!

Weblinks



[LRBOI website 'Self Gov' page](#)



<http://www.ihs.gov/selfgovernance/index.cfm?module=program>



[http://www.tribalselfgov.org/Red%20Book/SG New Partnership.asp](http://www.tribalselfgov.org/Red%20Book/SG%20New%20Partnership.asp)

Historical process at LRBOI

Tribal Self-Governance is not a new concept for Little River Band; the Tribe has already attained self-governance status under the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Indian Health Services (IHS) in 2009, and this year in our BIA Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program. The next logical step for the Tribe is to implement self-governance under the DOI, BIA.

The constructs for this transition were formulated in February 2010 and the planning document drafted at that time is the primary driver for the activities LRBOI will undertake. Some key points in the planning document for LRBOI are 1) to expand our BIA service delivery are to encompass the nine counties presently listed under our IHS agreement, 2) strengthen our financial position for current program operations and 3) place service delivery directives in the hands of the LRBOI Tribal Government.

Tribal Citizens will be able to access the Planning Document on our LRBOI website so they may review the objectives and provide input as to the direction we have planned to date.

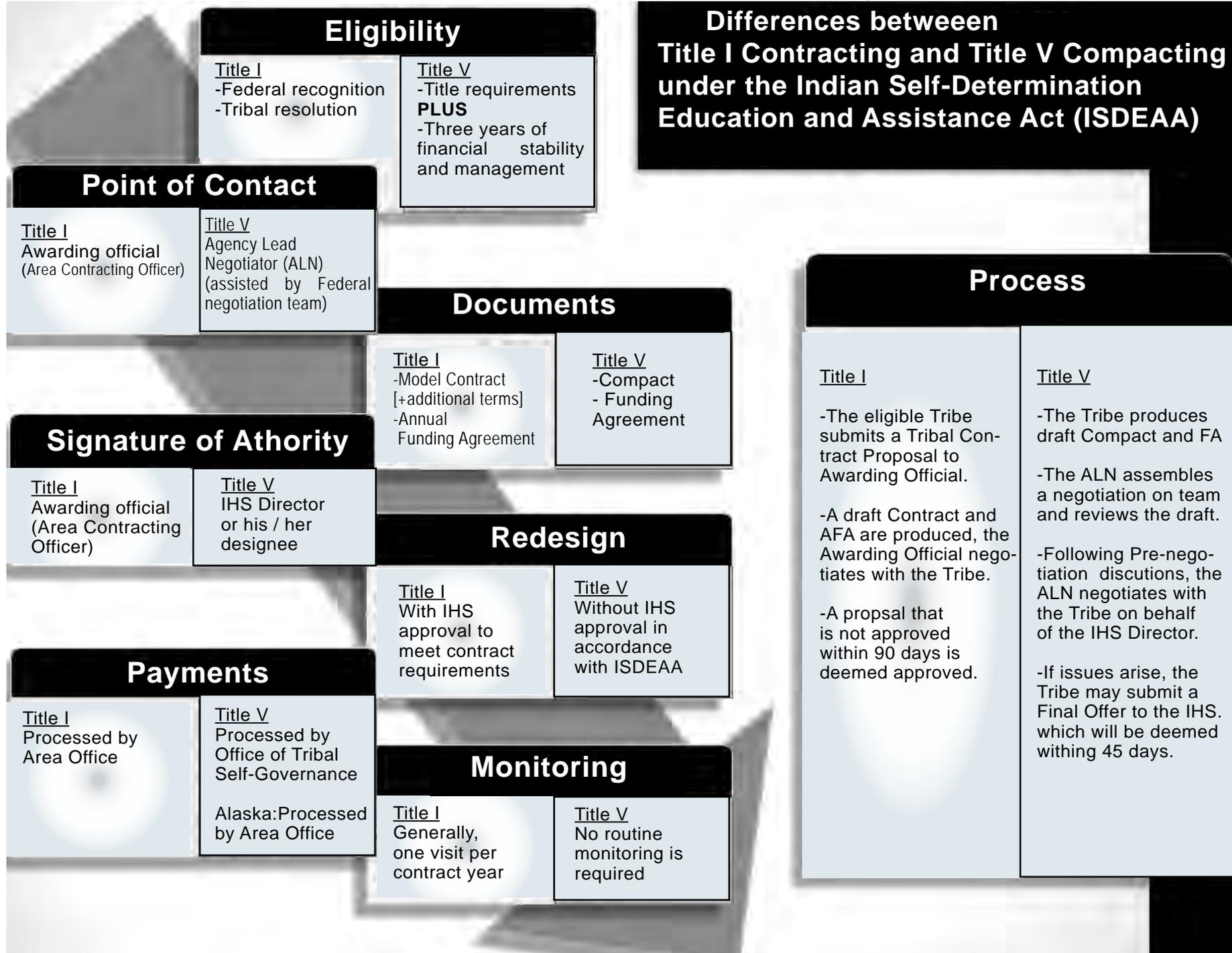
In essence, Indian self-governance maintains the trust relationship first recognized in numerous treaties, compacts and agreements over the years. The difference is that it allows the tribe to spend program money in ways that work for the specific tribe instead of following general federal dictates!

Too often, federal funds for tribes establish goals and reporting procedures that simply do not reflect the realities of life for individual tribes but are aimed at some vague definition or standard for 'Indians' as described by the federal government in Washington DC.

In addition, pursuing self-governance for a tribe allows it to negotiate which programs will be affected. Programs which are now achieving tribal and federal goals can remain operating in the same fashion. However those programs that can be improved by local control are turned over to the tribal government.

Another very important benefit of becoming a self-governance tribe is that it frees up tribal money and allows federal funds to support the designated programs and services. At a time when enterprise revenues are down, this is of particular importance to a tribal nation.

LRBOI will be the fourth Native Sovereign Nation in the State of Michigan to choose self-governance. 57% of tribal nations throughout Indian Country are self-governed. Here is a recap of the differences just in one area, healthcare:





TPD Officer Craig Mayo and his partner "Brit" have once again come away as winners from the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) competition for Region 19 which took place in Wyoming, MI. It was announced today that Mayo and "Brit" took a 2nd place trophy in Narcotics Detection Team competition and a 4th in individual competition from a field of 38 Police Narcotics teams.

Officer Mayo has consistently placed well in competition and Tribal Public Safety Director Mike Martin said that, "We are very proud of Officer Mayo and Brit for the professionalism they demonstrate on a daily basis as our tribal police fulfill a very important role here in Manistee County." The department recently added another canine unit that is more focused upon Bomb Detection, Officer David Rodriguez and his partner "Edo"



DON'T BE MISLED

THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS URGE VOTERS TO BEWARE WHEN SIGNING CASINO PETITIONS

MUSKEGON CASINO NOT INCLUDED

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) is committed to developing a casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Muskegon County. This \$100 million dollar investment would impact economic growth and generate \$400 million dollars per year while creating more than 1,100 jobs for the Muskegon area.

However, petition circulators are leading voters to incorrectly believe that if they sign this petition, it would support the LRBOI Muskegon casino proposal. **This is false!**

Two organizations are circulating petitions for up to 15 casinos: DeWitt Twp., Grand Rapids, Detroit, Pontiac, Clam Lake Twp., Clinton Twp., Birch Run Twp., Romulus, Lansing, Benton Harbor, Saginaw and Mt. Clemens. **Signing a petition will not bring a casino to Muskegon County.**



Little River Band's proposed casino in Fruitport Twp.

Report Illegal Petition Circulators
The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will file a complaint with the Michigan State Board of Canvassers. If you have been approached by a petition circulator asking you to sign a petition to support a Muskegon casino, or if you have already signed a petition with the belief that you were supporting a Muskegon casino, please contact the Board of Canvassers toll free at (888) SOS-MICH; (888) 767-6424.

How to Really Support a Muskegon Casino
There is only one person who can approve a Muskegon casino - Gov. Rick Snyder. We encourage you to email him, send him a letter, call his office, post on his Facebook page, or send him a tweet today and tell him that Muskegon needs the jobs a new casino would bring. Call: (517) 373-3400

@onetoughnerd
<http://www.facebook.com/RickForMichigan>
 Write: Gov. Rick Snyder,
 P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909
 Email: <http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57827-267869--,00.html>




Please visit the Muskegon Jobs Now website for additional information on the proposed LRBOI Muskegon County casino: <http://muskegonjobsnow.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Muskegon-Jobs-Now/107807022618379>
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Paid for by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.



Facebook for the week!

of June 4th

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



New Likes	Talking About This	Weekly Total Reach
3	10 +100.0%	375 +17.6%



Tribal Citizen Charles Wayne King has been published in the spring edition of "Drawing" magazine.

His pencil drawing self-portrait is beautifully done. He had this to say about the portrait.

"What appeals to me about portraits is that each one is so different and unique. To try to get my character, I chose relaxed attire and a pose with a bit of mystery, and I used the lighting to create drama and contrast...."

"I've always found portraits to be challenging, simply because each person is so unique, but drawing and painting people is the area of art I love the most."

King is the brother of Yvonne Theodore from our Commodities Office.

You may reach the artist at CHAZKING7@live.com.



His artwork appears on page 74 of the magazine.

American Indian Youth Film Workshop July 15th through July 20th, 2012

Michigan State University's Native American Institute
&
The College of Arts and Letters



All students ages 13-18 may register. Students will attend workshops under the instruction of MSU faculty.

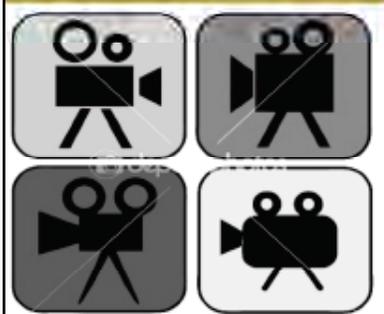
Students will be housed on Michigan State University campus for 4 days. Lodging and meals will be included for each student. There is no fee for this camp.

- Students will complete a short film as well as learn:
- To use cameras to film scenes and people
- To set up & design shots for filming
- To create storyboards to develop stories for film
- To edit video
- To create & edit soundtracks for film
- To produce special effects

For information, contact: Gordon Henry at (989) 859-0178 or henryg@anr.msu.edu
You may also contact NAI office at (517) 353-6632.

To register for NAI/CAL's Film Institute, visit www.nai.msu.edu for the application. Please send the completed forms to:

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2012 Gatherings for Four Season's Kateri circle



Summer Gathering

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Ghost Supper

November 10 , 2012 11am to 3 pm
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The Mother's Day Basket winners were.....

- #1 Kathleen Bowers
 - #2 Glenn Zaring
 - #3 Alicia Knapp
 - #4 Joan Schmidt
 - #5 Al Patricio
 - #6 Kathleen Bowers
 - #7 Grace Hendler
 - #8 Jean Schmidt
 - #9 Karen Lewis
 - #10 Grace Hendler
 - #11 Joan Schmidt
 - #12 Jim Grabowski
 - #13 Brandy Martin
 - #14 Karen Lewis
 - #15 Grace Hendler
 - #16 Michelle Bernatche
 - #17 Grace Hendler
 - #18 Brandy Martin
 - #19 Herman Gamelin
 - #20 Jim Grabowski
 - #21 Michelle Bernatche
 - #22 Ben Hamilton
 - #23 Michelle Lucas
 - #24 Herman Gamelin
 - #25 Al Patricio
 - #26 Mary Thomas
 - #27 Ben Hamilton
 - #28 Marcella Leusby
 - #29 Peggy Vriesman
 - #30 Marcella Leusby
- Free Basket drawing – Kim McGrath



An extra special thanks to Melanie Ceplina, Sandy Chandler, Laura Waagosh, Tammy Bowen, Angie Stone, Michelle Lucas, Marcella Leusby, Brandy Martin, Jessica Burger, Sandy Mezeske, and Tribal Council for making generous donations of baskets, gift items, and their time for this fundraiser as well as previous ones. Thank you too to all of the bidders and winners (and anyone else I may have forgotten) because without all of your support, these fundraisers would not be a success!

Total raised for this wonderful cause was \$363.84! Thanks to everyone for participating!

Again, thank you everyone for your donations in supporting the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Manistee County!
Valerie Chandler
Tribal Historic Preservation Coordinator



Tax Office

Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.

Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 20 packs per Tribal member

Purchasing Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel

As gas prices rise, it appears that more Tribal members are purchasing tax-exempt motor fuel at the Little River Trading Post. Tax-exempt gas sales to the Tribe, tribal entities and tribal members are up from last year's sales for the same period. If this trend continues, the Tribe's quota of tax-exempt gas will be gone before the end of the year. We will discontinue tax-exempt gas sales at the Trading Post when the annual allocation is gone.

Only Tribal members are entitled to buy and use tax-exempt fuel purchased under the terms of the State/Tribe Tax Agreement. The exemption does not extend to friends or family members that are not Tribal members. Enforcing this rule is difficult because it is impossible to know how the fuel will be used once the vehicle leaves the station. The ultimate use of the fuel must be trusted to the integrity of the tribal member. However, at the point of sale, the staff has been instructed to enforce the Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel program rules. This includes, but is not limited to; disallowing the discount on fuel purchased for a vehicle the Tribal member is not using at the point of sale.

Tribal members that purchase fuel for a non-member or exceed their monthly purchase limit will receive a tax assessment. Do not be rude or disrespectful to the Trading Post staff if they tell you your purchase does not qualify for exemption. They are only following the rules and trying to avoid a penalty for selling tax-exempt fuel to a non-member.

If you disagree with the Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel purchasing rules and have a better idea for allocating the Tribe's annual quota, please contact the Tax Office at 231-398-6874 or your elected representative.

Honoring Our Children By Honoring our Traditions

♥ For more information or to register class please stop by Family Service office at 1101 W. Hackley (corner of Hackley and Barclay) Call to inquire about child care. Kathy Lagerquist 398-6705



LRBOI Family Services Department will again be offering Positive Indian Parenting class once a week in Muskegon beginning June 18th thru Aug. 6th, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Muskegon Tribal office. The class is for Indian parents or anyone caretaking an Indian

child.

The eight-week curriculum which was developed by the National Indian Child Welfare Association provides a brief, practical, and culturally specific training program for Indian parents. The goals of the program are to help Indian parents explore the values and attitudes expressed in traditional Indian child-rearing practices, and to apply them to modern parenting skills, and develop positive attitudes, values and skills that have roots in their cultural heritage.

For hundreds of years, Indian parents were guided by traditions that never left parenting to chance. These traditions were passed from one generation to the next. Positive Indian Parenting is based in the idea that many present-day Indian parents have been deprived of the right to learn positive parenting traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation.

Through forced assimilation, removal to boarding schools, and forced foster placement and adoption programs, traditional parenting practices were lost or weakened. This curriculum taps into the power of culture, identity and belonging, giving Indian parents a positive standard of behavior to emulate and a number of basic skills to express their values.

The class incorporates traditional Anishinabe components such as smudging, prayers in the Anishnabe language, Seven Grandfather teachings, the talking feather, and giveaways. There is free and a light supper will be provided, as well as weekly gifts for participants.

Included in the eight sessions are:

- ♥ Traditional Parenting – history, cultural strengths
- F** Lessons of the Storyteller – communication, values, observation
- A** Lessons of the Cradleboard – bonding nurturing, development
- M** Harmony in Childrearing – balance, family structure, self-control, prevention
- I** Traditional Behavioral Management – guidelines, limits, discipline
- L** Lessons of Mother Nature – living skills, social skills
- Y** Praise in Traditional Parenting – positive reinforcement skills
- ♥ Choices in Parenting – setting goals, what kind of parent you want to be.

Drowning Happens Quickly – Learn How to Reduce Your Risks

By Brenda Kailing, RN, BSN, District Health Department #10 With information taken from the Centers for Disease and Prevention

Serving the Counties of Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford

Big Rapids, MI – There have been several drowning deaths in our area recently. Some were young children. Some were adult non-swimmers who attempted to save these children. In many cases, life preservers were present but not worn or used. It is heartbreaking when there is even one such death that could potentially have been prevented.

Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States and is second only to birth defects as the leading killer of children between one and four years of age. Most drowning deaths are predictable and preventable.

In Michigan we are blessed with many water-related recreational opportunities. When you're spending the day splashing around at the pool, beach or lake, drowning may not be the first thing on your mind. Being aware of the risks and taking safety precautions are proven ways to prevent drowning injuries and deaths. Learn the facts and take action to protect yourself and the ones you love from drowning.

- **Learn to swim.** Formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by as much as 88% among young children aged 1 to 4 years. However, even when children have had formal swimming lessons, constant, careful supervision when in the water, and barriers to prevent unsupervised access are necessary to prevent drowning.
- **Closely watch swimmers in or around**

the water. Designate a responsible adult who can swim and knows CPR to watch swimmers in or around water – even when lifeguards are present. That adult should not be involved in any other distracting activity (such as reading, or talking on the phone) while watching children.

- **Learn Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).** In the time it might take for lifeguards or paramedics to arrive, your CPR skills could save someone's life.
- **Fence it off.** Barriers to pool access should be used to help prevent young children from gaining access to pool areas without caregivers' awareness when they aren't supposed to be swimming. Pool fences should completely separate the house and play area from the pool, be at least 4 feet high, and have self-closing and self-latching gates that open outward, with latches that are out of the reach of children.
- **Use the Buddy System.** Regardless of your age, always swim with a buddy.
- **Look for lifeguards.** Select swimming sites that have lifeguards whenever possible.
- **Know the terrain.** Be aware of and avoid drop-offs and hidden obstacles in natural water sites. Always enter water feet first.
- **Avoid rip currents.** Watch for dangerous waves and signs of rip currents, like water that is discolored and choppy, foamy, or filled with debris and moving in a channel away from shore. If you are caught in a rip current, swim parallel to shore;

once free of the current, swim diagonally toward shore.

- **Use U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.** Do not use air-filled or foam toys, such as "water wings", "noodles", or inner-tubes, in place of life jackets. These toys are not designed to keep swimmers safe.
- **Avoid alcohol.** Avoid drinking alcohol before or during swimming, boating, or water skiing. Don't drink alcohol while supervising children.
- **Don't hyperventilate.** Swimmers should never hyperventilate before swimming underwater or try to hold their breath for long periods of time. This can cause them to pass out (sometimes called "shallow water blackout") and drown.
- **Heed warning flags.** Know the meaning of and obey warnings represented by colored beach flags which may vary from one beach to another. A chart of internationally standardized warning flags, provided by the United States Lifesaving Organization (http://www.usla.org/resource/resmgr/lifeguard_library/flagwarningstandardsilsfinal.pdf)

For information on community swimming lessons, contact your local American Red Cross chapter (www.redcross.org), parks and recreation office, or public swimming pool.

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 - *Veteran's Day
 - *Thanksgiving Day
 - *Friday after Thanksgiving Day
 - *Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
 - *Christmas Day
- Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.
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Commissions and Committees

If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees or commissions, please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office indicating which committee/commission you are interested in.

Commerce Commission	Enrollment Commission
Gaming Commission	Health Commission
Housing Commission	Natural Resource Commission
Binojeeuk Commission	

Wisconsin gatherings, Meetings will be held at the Great Spirit Church at the corner of Lapman and 10th Streets in Milwaukee at 1575 S. 10th Street. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Please call Jean Aber for more info at 262-632-1197. The meetings are usually held the 2nd Saturday of every other month

The Warriors Society is Gathering photographs of members Please send photos of our Warriors either in Uniform or in Civilian dress to the address below:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warriors Society
375 River Street,
Manistee, Mi. 49660

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warriors Society is organizing fishing teams for next year's event. If you would like to be on a team or participate in the event, please contact Bill Memberto, Commander of the Warriors Society at 1-231-398-6893

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elders Calendar 2012

Date	Time	Event
July 7th	10 am to 11am	Elders Meeting
August 4th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting
September 1th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting
October 6th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting

Elders Conference

November 3rd Saturday	9:30am to 8 pm
November 4th Sunday	8:30am to 11:30 am
December 1st Christmas Party	1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

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Tribal member preference!

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- ♣ Log onto our Website at www.LRCR.com and click on Careers
- ♦ Call our Human Resources Department at (231) 723-4530
- ♥ Stop by our Human Resources Department located at: 2700 Orchard Hwy Manistee, MI Monday - Friday 7am-5pm
- ♠ Send your Application, Resume and Cover letter to:

Little River Casino Resort
Attn: Recruiting
P.O. Box 417 Manistee, MI 49660
Phone: (231) 723-4530
Fax: (231) 723-1589
Email: recruiting@lrcr.com

Tribal Preference will be followed in accordance with the LRBOI- Indian Preference in Employment (Ordinance #11-600-02)



In late May, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, held an oversight hearing on Fulfilling the Federal Trust Responsibility: The Foundation of the Government-to-

Senator Akaka said, "The trust relationship that exists between the Federal government and Indian tribes goes back to the very first days of this Country. All branches of the government – Congress, the Administration, and the Courts – acknowledge the uniqueness of the Federal trust relationship. It is a relationship that has its origins in international law, colonial and U.S. treaties, agreements, Federal statutes, and Federal legal decisions," said Chairman Akaka.



Matthew L. M. Fletcher, Professor of Law and Director of the Indigenous Law and Policy Center at Michigan State University said, "Passing a Carcieri fix, would show the

"The trust relationship carries with it legal, moral, and fiduciary obligations that are incumbent upon the Federal government to uphold. When the trust responsibility is acknowledged and upheld by the Federal government, a true government-to-government relationship can exist and thrive. When the trust responsibility is not upheld, tribal sovereignty is eroded and undermined," said Akaka.

Supreme Court that Congress is serious about their Federal trust relationship with tribes."

"Fixing Carcieri would significantly enhance prospects for economic development and self-determination and would cost taxpayers nothing," added Dan Rey Bear, a Partner at the Nordhaus Law Firm in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

One 'disruptive' case affecting the process is Carcieri v. Salazar, which the Supreme Court said meant the trust relationship only applied to tribes recognized by 1934.

Senator Akaka also announced during the hearing that the Committee Report to accompany S. 676, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the Indian tribes, was filed the 17th of May. The report presents a strong case for the need to pass so-called Carcieri-fix legislation before the end of the current Congress.

Commodities Facility Improvements

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Snap Program, but eligible household can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

Recently the LRBOI Maintenance Department completed improvements to the Commodities facility and Yvonne Theodore sent in this thanks for the work!

"I have to thank Jeremy Glover & Herman Gamelin & Nicole Ward for all the hard work they done for the commodity department taking down 2 walls , now the warehouse has more space they put in a new doorway and a new client window also.



What a super job they did,
I thank them so much!
Yvonne Theodore

USDA Income
Food Distribution Program on Indian
Reservations
Monthly Income Standards
October 1, 2011 & October 1, 2012
Household Size Income Limits

1. \$ 1,055.00
2. \$ 1,373.00
3. \$ 1,692.00
4. \$ 2,018.00
5. \$ 2,362.00
6. \$ 2,708.00
7. \$ 3,026.00
8. \$ 3,344.00

For each additional member add \$ 319.00

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ot-tawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M

Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson

1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program

Office # are 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715



For many, this weekend marks the beginning of summer. This is a time of rest and relaxation. However, this weekend, Memorial Day weekend, is a time to recognize our relatives who have fallen during our wars.

Our heroes who took the ultimate sacrifice for freedom are not forgotten. Our heroes are our great-grandfathers, our uncles or aunts, our cousins and our brothers and sisters. These are the people who understood that their way of life was threatened. Their future generations deserved a chance to live better lives than they did. Their strength and perseverance is the foundation of which we now stand upon.

Large numbers of Native people enlist for military service and represent the highest per capita enlistment of any ethnic group in the United States. The reasons vary from supporting their families and ensuring economic stability, to seeing the world. We are proud of their personal journey into the military and thank them for their service.

Around the country, our Native people give thanks to our fallen, our veterans and our active military brothers and sisters. This weekend, many of our gaming tribes are there to help acknowledge Memorial Day. Ho-Chunk Gaming is sponsoring their Memorial Day Pow Wow in Black River Falls, Wisconsin and the 4 Bears Casino is hosting their Pow Wow in New Town, North Dakota.

This remembrance is not just limited to today, but everyday. Just yesterday, my family and I traveled to the 4 Winds Casino in Dowangiac, Michigan to acknowledge the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi for their efforts to providing aid and services to their veterans. They will host their Oshke-Kno-Kewewen Traditional Pow Wow Saturday and Sunday.

We are now on our way to meet with Forest County Potawatomi Chairman Gus Franks, a Vietnam War Veteran, to thank him and his tribe's war heroes. After that, we will join the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin's Color Guard to remember our heroes this weekend.

We will remember our relatives, like my wife's late father, Joseph Motoxen, who was awarded the Purple Heart for his service in World War II, and my brother David, a veteran himself who was named after our great-great-grandfather who fought in the civil war. During this time, we will visit with my father, Ernie Senior, who was a Staff Sargent in the Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict, with my grandmother, who is almost 102.

Every meeting, every ribbon cutting, every pow-wow, we give thanks to these heroes who are also our relatives.

From the National Indian Gaming Association, we thank our military and recognize our fallen during this Memorial Day Weekend. Yawako! (Thank you)

Ernest L. Stevens, Jr. is the Chairman and national spokesman for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) in Washington, DC. Stevens is currently serving his sixth two-year term as the organization's leader. NIGA, established in 1985, is a non-profit organization of 184 Indian Nations with other non-voting associate members representing tribes and businesses engaged in tribal gaming enterprises from around the country. He is an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. He and his wife Cheryl over 30 years have five children, and 10 grandchildren.

Pamela Irene Fultz

*A thousand times we needed you
A thousand times we cried
If love alone could have saved you you never
would have died
A heart of gold stopped beating
two twinkling eyes closed to rest
God broke our hearts and proved he only
takes the best.*

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians member and longtime Newberry resident, Pamela Irene Fultz, 62, died Tuesday morning May 29, 2012 at her residence with her family at her side.

Born February 26, 1950 in Newberry, daughter of the late Lawrence & Mary (Wasbey) Fultz, Pamela was a graduate of Newberry High School. During her lifetime, she held various employments throughout the area. Pamela enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, going for rides, needle stitching and music, with Jimmy Swaggart as her favorite artist.

In addition to her parents, Pamela is preceded in death by her daughter Alita Kay Kisro and granddaughter Amanda Kay Kisro.

Survivors include her children Dennis (Jaynie) Kisro, Donna Kisro-Bultema and Deanna Kisro all of Newberry; six grandchildren; siblings George Fultz of Muskegon and Lawrence (Holly) Fultz of Newberry; friend Heather Candrell, who was a special caregiver through this difficult time.

Leave fawns alone...please!

You may see a fawn alone, but don't worry mother isn't far away



Presently, deer fawns are being born all over Michigan. The Department of Natural Resources reminds Michigan residents to resist the instinct to try to "help" seemingly abandoned fawns, because this can be more harmful than helpful to the fawn. Many fawns are found curled up alone in fields or forest floors – this is normal.

"The truth is, even if a fawn appears to be abandoned, its mother is almost always nearby," said DNR wildlife biologist Bruce Barlow. "We appreciate the good intentions of those who want to help, but a fawn is

much better off left alone in the wild."

Barlow said it's not uncommon for a mother to leave her young unattended for up to eight hours at a time. The mother will only visit the fawn for short periods, in order to minimize the odor left behind. Newborn fawns do not have a strong odor, and they lay still most of the time, making predators less likely to locate them. As a result of this behavior, which is a survival mechanism, many people think the fawn has been abandoned because they do not see the mother with the fawn for hours.

The DNR advises that:

- * Fawns may die if removed from their natural environment.
- * "Rescued" fawns that do survive frequently become habituated to people and are unable to revert back to life in the wild.
- * It is illegal to possess a wild deer in Michigan, and every day a deer spends with humans makes it that much less likely to be able to survive in the wild.

Eventually, habituated animals pose additional problems as they mature and develop adult animal behaviors. Habituated deer, especially bucks, can become aggressive toward people as they mature.

Barlow advises that if you see a fawn alone, do not approach, move or touch it. "Instead, enjoy the moment and leave it be for all to see!"

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr [http://www.michigan.gov/dnr].

2012 MICHIGAN WELL WATER SCREENINGS FOR NITRATE

Michigan conservation districts will screen drinking water well samples for nitrate during 2012. The screening is sponsored by the Michigan agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) and is paid for by funds generated from Michigan pesticide and fertilizer registration and tonnage fees. There is no fee to participants for this service.

Samples from drinking water wells will be screened for nitrate and nitrite. The screening is open to everyone who uses a personal well for drinking water; however, the number of samples that can be tested may be limited. Check with LRBOI Natural Resource office for information on the dates and times of local water screening events.

This service is for private drinking water wells only. Public water supplies are tested regularly. Please do **not** bring samples from public water supplies or non-drinking water sources. Only drinking water well samples will be tested. You do not have to use a special bottle for this screening. Any small clean jar will work- one ounce of water is enough.

Please follow the directions below to sample your well. **Collect samples just before getting them to the sample drop off. Samples must be less than 48 hours old for a valid nitrate result.**

Fill out the water Sample Information Sheet.

Pick a tap that supplies water that has not run through any treatment devices (water softener, carbon filter, etc.)

Run the water for 20-30 minutes before collecting the sample. This will give the pump time to flush the water pressure tank and plumbing so you can collect a valid sample through a hose. Rinse the sample bottle and lid thoroughly in the water to be samples; do not sample through a hose. Rinse the sample bottle and lid thoroughly in the water to be sampled; then fill and cap the bottle.

Label the bottle clearly with your name, sampling date, and the well name (cottage well, Mom's well, etc.) using a waterproof pen. Put the sample information sheet into a waterproof bag, and then seal the water sample and the information into a second waterproof bag.

Keep the same sample dark and cold (on ice or refrigerated) until it is dropped off.

All results are confidential. You will be mailed a copy of your results in 8 to 10 weeks, with information about what to do if the concentration of nitrate or nitrite is too high.

Be sure to fill out the Sample Information Sheet completely and bring it with your water sample the drop-off. **We need a complete mailing address to get your results back to you.** You can get more information from Little River Band of Ottawa Indians or your local MAEAP stewardship technician.

*This program is sponsored by local conservation districts, the MAEAP Water Stewardship Program, and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. It is funded through the Michigan Groundwater and Freshwater Protection Act, the MDARD, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
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Water Sample Drop off Date

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Samples from private wells only

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Limited Supply of sample bottles available due to State funding. Pickup your water testing kit between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the LRBOI Natural Resource Dept. 159 Brick Yard Road, Manistee, MI Toll Free 866-723-1594

Common Drinking Water Contaminants

Bacteria- Bacterial symptoms include; intestinal or internal illnesses and other diseases; changes in water color, taste showing bacterial Contamination. Bacteria can come from surface water or wastes seeping into groundwater, your well or plumbing defects. Poorly located or constructed well and poorly disinfected or non-filtered water can also cause problems.

Your sample should show zero coliform colonies per 100 milliliters (ml) of water (bacteria not present). If you have 1 or more coliform colonies per 100 milliliters of water, resample. If a second test shows coliform, take corrective action.

Make sure the well is properly installed and check for leaks. Repair or replace well. Chlorinate the well and household plumbing. Boil water before using. Use distillation; chlorinate ozone, or ultraviolet light to kill the bacteria.

Nitrate or Nitrite- All infants fewer than six months or age are at risk of nitrate poisoning, but some babies may be more sensitive than others. Infants who are fed water or formula made with water high in nitrate and/or nitrite can develop a condition known as blue baby disease (methemoglobinemia). This color change is caused by a lack of oxygen in the blood.

The capacity of nitrate to enter well water depends on many factors, including the potential sources of nitrate present, the type of soil and bedrock, and the depth and construction of the well. Common sources of nitrate include fertilizers, animal wastes, septic systems, municipal systems, landfills, urban drainage, and decaying plant debris. In most cases elevated nitrate levels indicate general contamination of the aquifer at that depth.

Labs report that nitrate results as either nitrate-nitrogen or nitrate. When reported as nitrate-nitrogen (NO₃-N) or nitrate and nitrite nitrogen (NO₃+NO₂-N) the acceptable level is less than 10ppm (less than 2ppm is preferred). When reported simply as nitrate (NO₃), the acceptable level is less than 45ppm/ Acceptable levels of nitrite are 1ppm nitrate-nitrite.

If you can identify the source of the nitrate or nitrite (such as a nearby barnyard or septic system) the best solution might be to clean up or remove the contamination source. Additional options include water treatment with ion exchange, reverse osmosis, or distillation, buying water and deepening or replacing the well(nitrite is more commonly found in shallow wells).

PH and Alkalinity- The lower the pH and alkalinity, the more likely that the water is corrosive. Corrosion of household plumbing usually causes green residues or stains on faucets, pots, and sinks. Leaks in pipes are another sure indicator.

Low pH values are most often caused by lack of carbonate minerals, such as calcium and magnesium. Alkalinity is a measure of the water's ability to neutralize acids, and so is directly related to pH. water with high alkalinity (greater than 150ppm) may cause lime buildup in plumbing. It results primarily from carbonate minerals such as those found in limestone dissolving in the aquifer.

There is no health standard for pH or alkalinity. Values from 6.5 to 8.5 pH units occur in the most natural waters. Alkalinity values near 150ppm are considered ideal if the corrosivity index is satisfactory.

If pH or alkalinity values are too low, you should consider deepening your well, increasing the hardness and or/ alkalinity of the water with a treatment device. If the pH or alkalinity is too high, soften water (don't soften the cold water tap for drinking water).

Heavy Metals- Corrosive water may also indicate metal contamination. It's nearly impossible to taste, see, or smell most heavy metals, and they can reach toxic concentrations before any symptoms are noticeable. Iron is one exception: rust colored water and stained sinks are one clue.

Most toxic heavy metals are more soluble in acidic water than in neutral or alkaline water. Waste disposal, mining waste and industrial spills can contaminate groundwater with copper, zinc, cadmium, lead, mercury, iron, or chromium. Acidic groundwater can corrode plumbing and release elevated concentrations of copper, zinc, lead, and iron.

Drinking water standards for several materials are Cadmium, 5pp Chromium. 100ppb

The drinking water standard for iron is 0.3 ppm. It's based on aesthetics, as iron doesn't harm health and may even be beneficial.

As it is advisable to run your water for several minutes before using it for drinking or cooking if you're plumbing, install neutralizers after the pump to raise the pH and alkalinity and protect the plumbing. If the groundwater contains metals, consider a reverse osmosis drinking water system.



The LRBOI Tribal Police Department and members of the tribal emergency management-trained group participated May 24th in a special event organized by the City of Manistee *Non-motorized Transportation Committee* and the *Healthy Manistee County Coalition*. At noon the tribal folks gathered with the City Police Department and Fire Department Rescue 5 to provide a safe path to walk for over 400 young people from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades at Kennedy Elementary School, Trinity Lutheran School and Manistee Catholic Central School. They were walking for a cause.....



There is no specific tribal C.E.R.T. at this time but one is hopefully going to be forming soon. Any tribal member, citizen or employee can go through the two-day training class and become certified to be part of a working team. Doing so means that they can be called upon by the team sponsoring government to assist with events, disasters/incidents and other needs. TPD Director Mike Martin said this about the deployment and cooperation between the Tribe and community: "The Tribe is again extending its hand as a community partner in an effort to make our community safe for everyone."



TPD, the Fire and City Police and the Bear Lake Township C.E.R.T. provided route safety. TPD Officer Pat Gilles worked as both the Traffic Detail Coordinator and C.E.R.T. Incident Commander for the 5 hour event that culminated in a Family Fun Night. Gilles also runs the Neighborhood Watch program at Aki Maadiziwin.

The Bear Lake Township C.E.R.T. is the counties' first Community Emergency Response Team and it affords a number of tribal members and employees the chance to practice their Emergency skills. Last year, a C.E.R.T. class was held at Aki Maadiziwin and approximately a dozen participants went through the basic training for this critical part of the Citizens Corp initiative (see www.ready.gov for more details).



Happy Birthday

Trading Post 4th Birthday

The LRBOI Trading Post Convenience Store hit its 4th birthday on May 23rd! We'd all like to take the opportunity to congratulate the Trading Post staff and manager Jamie Friedel for a job well done!

The Trading Post is a wholly-owned enterprise of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and was built on Tribal Trust lands next to our Gathering Grounds at the intersection of US31 and M22 six miles north of the city of Manistee.

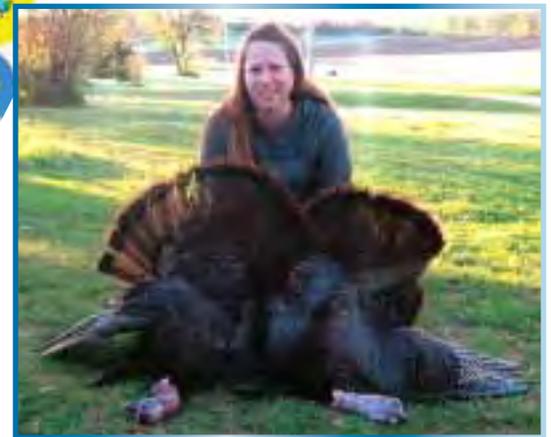
The store has consistently hit top scores from the fuel supplier British Petroleum (BP) with its Helios 100 Program for Customer Service and upkeep of the property by keeping the place looking great and functioning perfectly.

Tribal Historical Preservation (THP) Director Jonnie "Jay" Sam said, "Well, let me give the trading Post staff and Jamie a hip, hip huzzah for their anniversary for the good work and support of Tribal events." Events such as the Jiingtamok and Language Camp are some of the events organized every year by the THP.

The Ogema would like to thank all the past and present staff of the Little River Trading Post for all the hard work that goes into running the store and keeping the place clean and beautiful.



Lacy Moore



I went hunting with Dan (boyfriend) and his dad. His dad had a late turkey season and waiting to go with us. We set up and it was daylight. We heard turkeys gobbling at the end of the woods. We were not sure if they would even come to the decoys because we were afraid that they (turkeys) seen us set up. They flow down from the trees; there were three hens and then two toms. At first I thought there was only one tom because he was the only one strutting, but when they started to get closer it was two toms. Dan said "ok dad you have the left and Lacy you get the one on the right, get ready when they pick up their heads shoot." The turkeys changed sides and by this time they are behind the decoy and I was ready to shoot. Somehow they were both standing by each other and when the turkey in front lifted up his head I shot. They both fell over. I was excited it was the first time that I have ever shot two turkeys at once and with only one shot. One weighed about 16lbs. and the other one weighed about 18lbs. One had a 9 1/2 inch beard and the other had a 10 1/2 inch beard. I was so happy that I decided to go out with them, because I was getting frustrated with hunting. I have been out almost every weekend since season started and I have seen and heard the turkeys but they would never come in to the decoys. So this tells me never to give up and sooner or later I will get what I am hunting for.

Happy Birthday

Brian King Carol Mathews
Brad Curtis Brittney

Happy 50th Anniversary Mom and Dad!



Margery and Terry Lutz, your marriage has been the rock of our family since 1962.

We love you and are so proud of you!

Through life's ups and downs, your marriage has stood the test to time.

We wish you many more years of love, happiness, fun and blessings.

Love your family, Darcey, Mark, Wes and Willow, Brooke, Chris and Meredith.

Happy 18th Birthday Candice Eagle!



Love, Dad, Melissa, Grandma, Grandpa, Petey, Aunt Angie, Hannah, Mathew, Fern, and Buttercup

Happy Birthday my Darling Hannah Sandel 15 Yrs.

-Love, Mommy Eagle, Mathew, Grandma, Grandpa, Petey, Candice, Aunt Gayle, Uncle Glenn, Aunt Cheryl, Uncle Charlie, Fern and Buttercup.



Happy Birthday July 14th Brandon Willea

from Uncle Ted, Aunt Penny and cousins TJ and Amanda

x ♥ x ♥ x
I would like to thank Hannah and Mathew Sandel for LOVE, CARE, GRATITUDE, because I was gifted to be your mother I can LOVE bigger, I CARE Stronger, and I am extremely THANKFUL. I also want to thank Hannah and Mathew and all our family for showing us LOVE, CARE, and GRATITUDE!
What a wonderful life it can be!
Love- Mommy Eagle

by Phil Konstantin

July 1, 1833: According to an army report, by this date, the army estimates they have captured all of the "hostile" Creek Indians, except for the warriors from Hitchiti, and Yuchi, led by Jim Henry.

July 2, 1791: The treaty (7 stat.39) with the Cherokee Nation is concluded on the Holston River at White's Fort, modern Knoxville Tennessee. The Cherokee acknowledge the sovereignty of the United States. Prisoners are restored on both sides. Boundary lines are officially established. American citizens are allowed to use a road from the Washington District, to the Mero District on the Tennessee River without molestation. The United States will have the sole right to regulate trade with the Cherokee. No whites can live, or hunt on Cherokee lands, without Cherokee approval. Annual payments increase from \$1000, to \$1500 on February 17, 1792. The treaty is signed by thirty-nine Chiefs, 1200 other Cherokees attend the meeting. This is known as the "Holston River Treaty." The Americans are represented by Governor William Blount.

July 3, 1754: Surrounded by 500 French and 400 Indian forces under Sieur Coulon de Villiers, George Washington has only 400 soldiers at his Fort Necessity, near modern Farmington, in southwestern Pennsylvania. After his artillery is put out of action, and with half of his men as casualties, Washington accepts de Villiers offer of surrender. Washington leads his troops back to Virginia. De Villiers is the brother of Jumonville de Villiers, Washington's counterpart in the battle not far from here on May 28th. Jumonville is killed in that battle.

July 4, 1874: Captain A.E. Bates, and Troop B, Second Cavalry, and 160 "friendly" Shoshones, are en route from Camp Brown, in west central Wyoming, looking for a reported gathering of hostile Northern Cheyenne and Arapahos, when they discover a large group of "hostiles" on the Bad Water Branch of the Wind River, in Wyoming. During the battle, twenty-six "hostiles," and four soldiers are killed. Twenty Indians, and six soldiers, including Lieutenant R.H. Young, are wounded. 230 horses are captured. After this fight, many "hostile" Northern Cheyenne and Arapahos are convinced to return to their agencies to avoid further battles.

July 5, 1873: A tract of land is set aside as a reserve for "Gross Ventre, Piegan, Blood, Blackfeet, River Crow and other Indians" in Montana by Executive Order.

July 6, 1465: Palenque Maya Lord Chaacal I is born according to the museum at Palenque.

July 7, 1666: Robert Sanford has been exploring the coast of South Carolina for a colony site. He has found some friendly Indians at Port Royal. Today he sets sail for Barbados with the nephew of the local Chief. The Chief wants his nephew to learn the white man's ways and language. Dr. Henry Woodward stays with the Indians and learn their ways, thus making him the first European settler in South Carolina. Woodward eventually

becomes the preeminent Indian agent in South Carolina.

July 8, 1524

The first kidnapping in America took place when Italian explorers kidnapped an Indian child to bring to France.

July 8, 1724: French peace envoy Etienne Veniard de Bourgmont has come from Fort Orleans to visit the Indians of modern Kansas. At the mouth of the Missouri River, he encounters the "Canza." Many of them accompany de Bourgmont on his trip to the "Padoucas."

July 9, 1969: Members of the Passamaquoddy Nation block road that goes through their reservation in Maine.

July 10, 1843: In 1842, the Wyandot signed a treaty (11 Stat., 581.) giving up their lands in Ohio for land west of the Mississippi River. Today, 674 men, women and children start their trip from Ohio to Kansas.

July 11, 1598: Juan de Oñate's expedition reaches the San Juan Pueblo in modern New Mexico.

July 12, 1784: Even though he has signed a peace treaty with the Spanish, Tonkawa Chief El Mocho is planning to join the Texas Indians together under his leadership and then attack the Spanish. The Spanish hear of El Mocho's plans. In the Presidio of la Bahia, El Mocho is shot down in the plaza by Spanish soldiers.

July 13, 1973: New Mexico is told no State Income Taxes can be levied against reservation Indians.

July 14, 1684: Naumkeag Indian, and son of former Sachem Wenepoykin, James Quannapowit petitions the English of Marblehead Massachusetts. He complains they are giving out lands which rightfully belong to him. On September 16, 1684, a deed is finally signed by all parties in order for the English to hold "rightful title" to the land.

July 15, 1877: In the Weippe Prairie, east of Weippe, Idaho, the Nez Perce hold a council to decide their movements. The army is still trying to force them to move to a reservation. They wish to stay free. Looking Glass says they should go east into Montana and join the crow. Chief Joseph (Hein-mot Too-ya-la kekt) suggests they wait for the army here and fight it out in their own lands. Toohoolhoolzote joins Looking Glass in suggesting they move east into Montana. The tribe decides to move.

July 16, 1862: Yesterday, as a small group of mounted soldiers attempt to leave the Apache Pass watering hole, Mangas, and some warriors, attack. During the fight, Mangas is shot in the chest. The Indians abandon the fight,

with the loss of their leader. Eventually, Cochise takes his father-in-law to Mexico, where he holds a town hostage until a Mexican doctor heals Mangas. This battle leads to the construction of Fort Bowie on July 28, 1862 according to the official National Park Service brochure. This is in modern New Mexico.

July 17, 1853: A dispute between a settler and some Paiutes near Springville, Utah leads to the death of one of the Paiutes. This will lead to what is sometimes called the "Walker War."

July 18, 1694: Abenaki Chief Abomazine, almost 300 Penobscot warriors, and few French attack the settlement along the south side of the Oyster River, at modern Durham, New Hampshire. The Indians are trying to sneak into the village when their presence is discovered. Some settlers escape, others retreat to fortified homes. 104 settlers are killed, and twenty-seven are taken hostage before the Indians withdraw. Four months later, Abomazine approaches the fort at Pemaquid, under a white flag. He is seized by the garrison for his part in the attack.

July 19, 1856: By this date, all of the remaining Rogue River Indians are en route to the Grande Ronde Reservation in Oregon. They number 1225.

July 20, 1863: General James Carleton, called "Star Chief" by the Navajos, has ordered the Navajos to leave their homeland and to report to the Bosque Redondo Reservation in New Mexico. All Navajos found off the reservation, after this date, are considered "hostiles," and will be treated accordingly. No Navajos turn themselves in, leading to the Canyon de Chelly Campaign, and the "Long Walk."

July 21, 1855: John W. Quinney, Stockbridge Chief, dies in Stockbridge, New York. Through his efforts, his tribe creates a constitutional system for the election of its heretofore hereditary leaders. He is instrumental in the cessation of the sell of tribal lands to Europeans. He leads the efforts to have 460 acres of their former lands returned by the State of New York. He is elected Chief of the tribe in 1852.

July 22, 1863: As a followup to the "Owens Valley War" in California, over 900 Paiutes are led to the San Sebastian Reservation at Fort Tejon (north of Los Angeles).

July 23, 1733: José de Urrutia is appointed Captain of San Antonio de Béxar Presidio. The Spanish acknowledged him as one of their experts on Indians.



Looking for Miss LRBOI Princess Contestants 2012

Miss LRBOI Josephine Pete 2011-2012



Imagine yourself being crowned

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You will represent the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at the Pow-wow's and be treated like royalty. You will receive a crown sash, flowers, photo shoot, and a paid trip to Petoskey for the Miss Odawa Nation 2012 Competition

Requirements to apply

Age 13-18

Single, no dependents Full regalia

Must have knowledge of customs and

traditions, will have to write a short Bio about yourself. Share goals, ambitions, education, family, your interest and hobbies Must be Little River or a descendent

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Kwewok Circle

For information on how to apply call Debra Davis 231-398-6724



Its getting to that time again for the 25th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

The 2012 Games will take place on Friday, July 27th in Mt Pleasant, MI

I would like to invite you to participate and join the 2012 LRBOI Olympic team we are having our first Pre- Registration meeting

on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at Aki Madaziwin Community Center beginning at 6pm. This year we are organizing an Olympic Training program and we need your commitment and input for our exciting program which can help you improve your strength, fitness, general health, and well being. More details will be shared at the Meeting. So bring the family and join us. If you have questions please contact:

Julie Wolfe, 231-398-6740.

New Announcements webpage:

There is now a link to tribal announcements from the home page of the tribe. It was setup because of the high volume of announcements within our community.

Here is the direct link:

<https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/news-a-media/announcements>

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and behind the Trading Post gas station,
at the corner of US-31 & M-22)

Manistee, MI

Grand Entry

Saturday 1 pm & 7 pm

Sunday 1 pm

Head Staff

Host Drum—Spirit Lodge

Co-Host Drum—Mskwe Keshick

Invited Drum—Swirling Wind

(Other Invited Drums are TBA)

Head Male—Marty Wabindato

Head Female—Renee Diehlman

Head Veteran—TBA

MC—Derek Bailey

Arena Director—Philip Memberto

Camping available for Jiingtamok participants on a first come first serve basis Absolutely no firearms, alcohol, drugs, politics NO pets allowed except for service dogs

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Little River Casino Three Fires Conference Area

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